

Claim 8, lines 5, 7, and 11, replace each occurrence of "lock washer", with -mounting device--.

Add new claim 9 as follows:

9. The cut alignment device of claim 8 wherein said blade mounting device includes a lock washer, and said power source, light source, and switch are all located within said lock washer.

Remarks

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the application, and requests reconsideration and allowance based on the preceding amendments, and the following remarks.

Substitute drawings are enclosed herewith, which address the Examiner's concerns, with the following exceptions. Fig. 1A is a disassembled view, not a cutaway, so it has not been cross hatched. Fig. 3 is inconsistent with the other figures because it is an alternative embodiment, which is the reason that reference numeral 40 is used in Fig. 3. See page 8, line 8, of the specification.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The rejection over the Bosten reference is respectfully traversed. Bosten discloses a laser device which mounts to "any suitable surface of the miter saw" (col. 3, line 44). In contrast, claim 1, as amended, states that the power source, and light source are carried by the "cutting unit", which is defined effectively as the spinning portion of the saw (the shaft, blade, and device for mounting the blade to the shaft). Similarly, but more specifically, claim 8 states that the power source, light source,

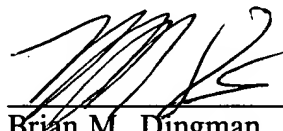
and switch are mounted within the blade mounting device. New claim 9 puts them in the blade lock washer, which is the preferred embodiment.

There is no teaching or suggestion in the reference to locate the light source in the spinning portion of the miter saw, and, indeed, such could not be accomplished by Bosten, because Bosten teaches using line power transformed to 5V and provided to the laser, and it would not be possible to provide line power to the rotating portion of the Bosten miter saw. Accordingly, Bosten clearly requires that the laser device be mounted to the stationary part of the saw ("attached to any suitable surface on the miter saw 14", col. 3, line 44).

Since Bosten does not disclose or suggest, or could even employ, the invention of applicant's claims 1 and 8, the reference cannot be used to reject the claims. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westboro, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1818.

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